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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231



Re: Application of Yasunobu FUJITA, Masao YAMAMOTO,
Kouichi HACHIYA, Atsushi YOKOUCHI, Toshikazu YABE,
Emiko SHIRAISHI and Michiharu NAKA entitled
"ROLLING BEARING FOR HARD DISK DRIVE"
Assignee: NSK LTD.
Our Reference: Q50665

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/090,921 (Confirmation No. Not Yet Assigned) filed June 5, 1998, of Yasunobu FUJITA, Masao YAMAMOTO, Kouichi HACHIYA, Atsushi YOKOUCHI, Toshikazu YABE, Emiko SHIRAISHI and Michiharu NAKA entitled "ROLLING BEARING FOR HARD DISK DRIVE."

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract and 1 sheet of drawings.

A copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application is enclosed.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3682.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JP	9-149403	June 6, 1997

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/090,921.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>7</u> - 20	= <u>0</u> x	\$18.00 =	<u>0</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	= <u>0</u> x	\$84.00 =	<u>0</u>
Base Fee				\$740.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	<u>\$740.00</u>
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A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed to amend the specification to reference the parent application. A further Preliminary Amendment will be submitted in due course to amend the claims.

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You are also directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$740.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 that may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

This application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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